



## Sunday, January 8, 2023



Epiphany follows the Christmas story of the babe born in the manger. It is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. It means manifestation of glory and leads us to the contemplation of Christ as King upon a throne leading us to the Season of Lent. The Epiphany Season is a happy time for us to keep the bright lights about our homes, and to remember the miraculous birth and guiding star of Bethlehem so long ago.

### Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

**WASHROOMS:** Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

## FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

**ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE:** Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

**BIBLE STUDY:** We meet Tuesday mornings starting January 17th at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact [klumley@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:klumley@standrewsriverheights.com)

**BOOK CLUB:** We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

**OUTREACH:** Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

**PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS:** Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at [j.demeduk@hotmail.com](mailto:j.demeduk@hotmail.com)

**ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC:** Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! *Choir Director—[music@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:music@standrewsriverheights.com)*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at [office@standrewsriverheights.com](mailto:office@standrewsriverheights.com).

### Upcoming Services:

Sunday, January 15 - The Baptism of Jesus



**OUR LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

## Order of Service

GATHERING: *Creator of the Stars of Night* (Sarum plainsong 'Conditor alme siderum) arr. Raymond Haa

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING WORDS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (*The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023*)

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**We are called out of darkness into light.**

Lift up your eyes and look around.

**We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: (*The Government of Canada*) Unison

**We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene People's, and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this land.**

HYMN: **VU45** *Joy Is Now in Every Place*

♪ Joy is now in every place,  
Christmas lightens every face;  
now be with us, in your grace,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.

**May the star that shone that night,  
making your poor stable bright,  
fill our hearts with love and light,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

**Through the New Year let it stay,  
leading us upon your way,  
making Christmas every day,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

**Now and ever may we find  
your good news to fill our mind:  
peace and love to humankind,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus. ♪**

### CANDLE LIGHTING

### PRAYER

HYMN: **VU82** *A Light is Gleaming*

♪ (Refrain) **A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

**When light comes pouring into the darkest place,  
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.  
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,  
our memories and tears. R**

**When night is round us and every shadow grows,  
a star is there to light our way.  
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:  
"God's light will ever stay." R**

**And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.  
He showed us things we hadn't seen.  
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,  
and this will be a sign: R**

**So let us live in brightness God has giv'n,  
and let us rise to see the dawn.  
We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze,  
warming all our days. R ♪**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM: *Rejoice and Be Merry* (English traditional carol, arr. R. Jacques)

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth!  
O praise the Redeemer, all mortals on earth!  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation - our praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;  
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,  
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation - our praises we'll sing!

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,  
Which led the wise ones from the east to draw near;  
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation - our praises we'll sing!

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,  
And unto him offered myrrh, incense, and gold.  
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation - our praises we'll sing!

SCRIPTURE READING: Read by Allison Koots  
 Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Christian Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12  
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

HYMN: **VU79** *Arise Your Light is Come*  
 ♪ **Arise your light is come!**  
**The Spirit's call obey;**  
**show forth the glory of your God,**  
**which shines on you today.**

**Arise your light is come!**  
**Fling wide the prison door;**  
**proclaim the captive's liberty,**  
**good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise your light is come!**  
**All you in sorrow born,**  
**bind up the broken hearted ones**  
**and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise your light is come!**  
**The mountains burst in song!**  
**Rise up like eagles on the wing;**  
**God's power will make us strong. ♪**

SERMON: **VU81** *As with Gladness Men of Old*  
 ♪ **As with gladness men of old did the guiding star**  
**behold,**  
**as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward,**  
**beaming bright,**  
**so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your**  
**splendour see.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly man-**  
**ger bed,**  
**there to bend the knee before Christ, whom heaven**  
**and earth adore;**  
**so may we with eager pace ever seek your throne**  
**of grace.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that manger**  
**crude and bare,**  
**so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's**  
**alloy,**  
**all out costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our**  
**heavenly King.**

**Holy, Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;**  
**and, when earthly things are past, bring our ran-**  
**somed souls at last**  
**where they need no star to**

**guide, where no clouds your glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright none shall need cre-**  
**ated light;**  
**you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which**  
**goes not down;**  
**there forever may we sing hallelujah to our king. ♪**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:  
 God, hear our prayer.  
 Sung response: **VU41** *Christ is Born*  
**Christ is born; give him glory!**  
**Christ is born; give him glory!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU81** *As with Gladness*  
 vs.3  
**As they offered gifts most rare**  
**at that manger crude and bare,**  
**so may we with holy joy,**  
**free from sin that would destroy,**  
**all our costliest treasures bring,**  
**Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **903** *Song of Simeon*  
**Lord, God, you now have set your servant free**  
**to go in peace as promised in your word;**  
**my eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,**  
**prepared by you for all the world to see,**  
**to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,**  
**the glory of your people and their light.**

POSTLUDE: *Break forth, O beautiful heavenly light*  
 Music - Johann Schop, harmonized J. S. Bach

**Announcements**

**Remember in prayer:**

Bonnie Cross is in Grace Hospital, Room 4S 412.

Omar Fraguera is in the Concordia Hospital, Room 111.

Colleen Watters is in Misericordia Hospital, Room 547.

**ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST**

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

A thank you today to our singers and our scripture reader, Allison Koots.

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**Coming Up...**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

Worship @ 10:30am

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 1:30pm

P&A meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

Choir @ 7:30pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

Worship @ 10:30am

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Council meeting (board room) @

7:30pm

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @ 1pm

Choir @ 7:30pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Piano tuner @ 9am

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @ 1pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @

8am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @

8am

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

Choir @ 7:30pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @

7pm

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Charmaine Bacon

(sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

**Announcements**

**A special note of thanks** to the Fellowship Group and the children in Sunday School who made cards. *“Once again I’m sending my sincere thanks to the people at St. Andrew’s Church for your thoughtful kindness. It’s a comfort to be remembered at this Christmas time of the year. The delicious homemade cookies are a special treat and I’m thrilled to display that lovely card from the children from St. Andrew’s Sunday School. I wish you all good health and pleasant days in the year ahead. Again many thanks.”*

**YOUR GIFTS MATTER.**

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

**Bible Study** begins Tuesday, January 17th at 9:30 am.

**St. Andrew’s** is leading worship at The Wellington on Wednesday, January 18th.

**An elderly woman** is looking for a ride to church on Sundays. She lives off Kenaston on Tuxedo Avenue. Contact Rev. Karen Lumley if you can give her a ride.

**Got any loose change?** The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their breakfast program.

**Scripture Readings for next week**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

